

Faculty Senate 2012/2013
University of Montana Western
Minutes for 4/08/2013

Call to Order

Present: Eric Wright, David Regan, Tyler Seacrest, Kurt Steadman, Megan Chilson, Michelle Anderson, Vikki Howard, Karl Ulrich , Dana Cotton, Di Francis, Val Winderl

Minutes approved from March 25, 2013,Michelle moved, Kurt seconded

New Business

Karl Ulrich reported on the Assistant Provost search progress. Going well.

- Several faculty members will be attending the performance based funding meeting in Helena on Wednesday April 10th.
- Plagiarism. There is a new entry area on Maxient, under student affairs to record incidences of plagiarism. For assistance, call Mike Piazzola
- PIMA Medical institute Vet Tech Program. Consideration is being given by PIMA to setting up a program in Dillon to be funded by them. Credits could possibly be incorporated into UM Western degree program, and would be a way of possibly transitioning into a Vet Tech program at UMW for no initial financial cost. Our equine and natural horsemanship students would benefit by completing a vet-tech certification through PIMA. PIMA would pay an administrative fee to UMW for instructors, use of library and to provide a learning center.
- Eric opened up a discussion about the Assistant Provost Search and the changes that were made to the job description without ample time for senate to comment and make recommendations, prior to posting the job description.

First reading of Curriculum Proposals 33, (human sexuality) 34 (education, restructuring curriculum to accommodate an Associate Degree), 35 (revises IT program to become an education degree similar to other education double majors and merges UMW classes with the IT program at Helena College. 36(Natural Horsemanship)

Discussion was started about further refining the definition of experiential learning on a campus wide basis. Vikki presented "An Explanation of Experiential Learning". Suggestion was made by Di Francis to incorporate the topic into next fall's faculty conference.

Academic Scheduling:

- Concern has been raised about the number of blocks that are scheduled as 17 day blocks rather than 18. Charity Walters has been working on a policy which lists "absolutes and exceptions" in scheduling around holidays and election years so that the majority of classes meet for 18 days.

- Suggestion was made to extend the time of each class by 15 minutes to maintain the minimum amount of contact hours and make 17 day blocks the normal term.
- Suggestion was made to extend class time to 3 ½ hours and meet Monday through Thursday, with no block breaks.

Good of the Order

Di Francis moved to adjourn Eric seconded, all in favor.